

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A bookmark having an integrated electronic timer circuit, comprising:
 - a substrate;
 - a header integral with the substrate, the header including a display and control panel; and
 - an electronic timer circuit housed within the header for receiving commands from the control panel and providing a timer signal to the display.
2. The bookmark of claim 1, wherein the control panel includes a plurality of control buttons for controlling the electronic timer circuit.
3. The bookmark of claim 2, wherein at least one of the plurality of control buttons is disposed on a side portion of the header.
4. The bookmark of claim 1, further including a sensor for sensing an external condition and controlling the electronic timer circuit in response thereto.
5. The bookmark of claim 1, further including a light source disposed on the header.
6. The bookmark of claim 1, further including a magnifying viewing port disposed within the substrate.
7. The bookmark of claim 1, further including a clip coupled to the bookmark.

8. The bookmark of claim 1, further including a string extending from the bookmark for marking a book.
9. The bookmark of claim 1, wherein the electronic timer circuit includes a memory for storing a timer count value.
10. A bookmark, comprising:
 - a substrate portion; and
 - a header portion integral with the substrate portion, the header portion including an electronic timer.
11. The bookmark of claim 10, wherein the header portion includes:
 - a display coupled for receiving a signal from the electronic timer; and
 - a plurality of control buttons for controlling the electronic timer.
12. The bookmark of claim 11, wherein at least one of the plurality of control buttons is disposed on a side of the header portion.
13. The bookmark of claim 10, further including a sensor for sensing an external condition and controlling the electronic timer in response thereto.
14. The bookmark of claim 10, further including a light source.
15. The bookmark of claim 10, further including a magnifying viewing port disposed within the substrate portion.

16. The bookmark of claim 10, wherein the electronic timer includes a memory for storing a timer count value.

17. A marking device, comprising:
 means for marking a location within reading material; and
 an electronic timer housed within the means for marking.

18. The marking device of claim 17, wherein the means for marking includes:
 a substrate; and
 a header integral with the substrate.

19. The bookmark of claim 18, further including a magnifying viewing port disposed within the substrate.

20. The marking device of claim 18, further including:
 a display coupled for receiving a signal from the electronic timer; and
 a plurality of control buttons for controlling the electronic timer.

21. The marking device of claim 20, wherein at least one of the plurality of control buttons is disposed on a side of the header.

22. The marking device of claim 17, further including a light source disposed on the means for marking.

23. The bookmark of claim 17, wherein the electronic timer includes a memory for storing a timer count value.

24. A method of making a bookmark with an integrated electronic timer, comprising:
 forming a substrate;
 forming a header integral with the substrate,
wherein the header includes a cavity;
 disposing an electronic timer within the cavity of the header; and
 electrically coupling the electronic timer to a display on the header.
25. The method of claim 24, further including the step of providing a plurality of control buttons on the header for controlling the electronic timer.
26. The method of claim 24, further including the step of providing a light source disposed on the bookmark.
27. The method of claim 24, further including the step of providing a magnifying viewing port disposed within the substrate.
28. The method of claim 24, wherein the electronic timer includes a memory for storing a timer count value.
29. A method of monitoring time with a bookmark having an integrated electronic timer, comprising:
 setting a timer count value for the electronic timer, which is integrated within a housing of the bookmark;
 counting the timer count value; and
 displaying the timer count value on the bookmark.
30. The method of claim 29, wherein the step of setting a timer count value includes activating at least one of a

plurality of control buttons for controlling the electronic timer.

31. The method of claim 29, further including the step of activating a light source within the bookmark.

32. The method of claim 29, wherein the electronic timer includes a memory for storing the timer count value.

33. A marking device, comprising:
a bookmark having an interior housing;
an electronic timer disposed within the interior housing of the bookmark for counting a count value;
a control panel disposed on the bookmark for controlling the electronic timer; and
a display disposed on the bookmark and electrically coupled to the electronic timer for displaying the count value.

34. The marking device of claim 33, wherein the control panel includes a plurality of control buttons for controlling the electronic timer.

35. The marking device of claim 33, further including a light source disposed on the bookmark.

36. The marking device of claim 33, wherein the electronic timer includes a memory for storing the count value.